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Shenandoah, Wisconsin
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Dear Friend:

There seems to be considerable confusion
as to the Alder Michael Frantz and the Michael,
I call "our Michael." Alder Michael Frantz came
to America in 1727 and settled in Cocalico
Township, Lancaster County Penna. and ^{it} was in
that community he established for himself
quite a reputation in the Dunkard Church.
and he is at the present time looked up to as
one of the great colonial leaders of the church.
He died in 1749. His son Michael married
a lady named guy and moved to Virginia
(Berkeley Co) in 1770 if there was any relation-
ship as to our branch it may have been between
our first American ancestor Christian (I) who
came to America five years later (1732) and
also settled in Cocalico Township Lancaster Co
Penn. Christian I had three sons, John Michael

and Christian (II) These three brothers moved
from Localio Township, to Sulphur Spring Township,
Berks Co. a few miles north of Localio Township.
in 1745 and were among the founders of the
Little Swatara Church (Dunkard) there. Here Christian
Grundy (II) acquired a tract of land from one
of William Penn's sons, in 1744 which became
our homestead and was in the family name
up to 30 years ago. Christian (II) had only one
son Christian III (our great great grand father)
who inherited the farm at his father's death
in 1770. Christian (III) had five sons, named
as follows: Michael the eldest, Christian (IV)
your great grand father, Mathias, my great
grand father, John and Henry, ^{he} also had five
daughters. In 1794 Christian (III) sold the
homestead to a Mr. Moyer, and in 1795
moved to Baltimore Co. Va., with his entire
family. Except Mathias, my great grand father
who would not go because my great grand
mother (Beneke) refused to go along in 1800

my great grandfather (Mathias) bought
 the farm back from Meyer, and as I told
 you, the place remained in our name up
 to 30 years ago. There is private family cemetery
 on the farm and I suspect all of our early ancestors
 are buried there. Our "Michael" had two daughters
 who married two Wangers - Wangert brothers, one
 of whom was the great grandfather of Rev
 A. Wangert, and I regret to say. Rev A. died
 in the Navy (contrary to the records) that he
 was descended from Elder Michael Frantz, rather
 than from our "Michael" Christian Frantz (IV)
 a brother of my great grandfather Mathias,
 and your great grandfather, was married to
 Magdalena Houty. She died a few days after
 in 1808 and left four children behind, namely:
 Jacob, the grandfather of the Lord Okla-ton
 Frantzes, Henry, Anna and Mathias, your
 grandfather. Mathias was the youngest, in fact,
 was only five days old when his parents died
 He was raised by his Uncle and Aunt John and

Catharine (Houty) Tyler and when the Tygers
migrated from Va. in 1830 to Ind., Nicholas
and his wife (Greybel) accompanied them

All four children of Christian IV are specifically
as their
mentioned in the final statement & settlement

of our great grandfather's estate in 1845,

so there is absolutely no question as to
our relationship. In conclusion I may add

that I correspond with Mrs. Winger, of Crano-
fordville. We also are in touch with Mrs.
Whitson and her sister Mrs. Raley of Indian

Okla. (daughters of Henry Francis, a cousin of mine)

and M. A. Francis of Clayton Ohio, a descendant

of Henry Francis. The youngest son of

Christian Francis (III) I feel greatly related

to the success thus far attained in unraveling

our relationship, especially so, inasmuch as trace

of our Virginia relatives was lost for over one hundred

and twenty years or ever since 1820 when my

great grandfather sent one of his sons to Va. after the

(Mrs) great great grandfather found away Sincerely yours
Alvin D. Francis

In locating you Jacks I was loath to keep
an eye on the descendants of a Mathies
Frantz ^{at Chicago} as the name "Mathies" only runs in
one branch of the Frantzes. Presumably your
great grandfather was named after my great
grandfather, - the one left behind in Penna.

Such names as Frank, Henry, Jacob etc
run strong in our branch. I had a brother
named Frank, also a son. Then there was
your father, also the late Governor Frank
Frankly, and he too had a son named "Frank"
Henry is a common name too I know
of at least four in our branch, not
mentioning the Governor's father as the
brother of your grandfather Mathies

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